

REMARKS

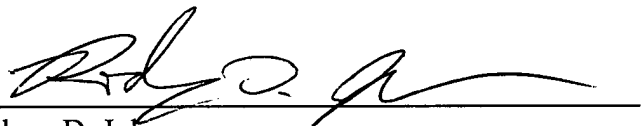
Claim 2 has been amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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